

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Atlantis launch slips with Atlas delay



▲ **Mission Update:** The STS-101 launch has been delayed until Friday, May 19, at 6:12 a.m. The delay was due to the postponed launch of an Atlas III rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Under prior agreement with Air Force range operations, NASA launch managers agreed to slip launch of Atlantis 24 hours if the Atlas III invoked their option to attempt launch on Wednesday, May 17.

▲ **KSC Presents 2000 NASA/KSC Honor Awards Ceremony:** On Thursday, May 25, at 9 a.m., 115 awards will be presented to employees and others by Center Director Roy Bridges and Deputy Center Director Jim Jennings. Nichelle Nichols (who portrayed Lt. Uhura in the TV series *Star Trek*) will be the keynote speaker. A reception follows at 10 a.m. Anyone can attend the 2-hour ceremony at the KSC Visitor Complex, IMAX Theaters I and II. Tickets, however, are required for free entry – to get them, call the Awards Office at 867-3364, fax a request to 867-2454, or send an e-mail to kathleen.ellis-1@ksc.nasa.gov or cheryl.johnson-1@ksc.nasa.gov.

◆ **Changing Mail Codes:** With the many moves due to the KSC2000 reorganization, mail codes are changing as well as offices. The KSC mail service says it is working with administrative representatives in each directorate to obtain the new mail codes and locations. Employees sending mail should attempt to use the new codes if known but can still use the old ones for now. Employees being relocated should work with their administrative reps if they have concerns.



Employees invited to attend honor awards ceremony May 25

◆ **Space Week Celebration, May 27-29:** This year's annual Space Week sponsored by the KSC Visitor Complex is themed "Is There Life Out There?" The celebration, which is open to the public, will include celebrities from the *X-Files* and *Roswell* television shows along with SETI and NASA scientists and astronauts, plus special appearances, autograph signing and briefings. Hours at the Visitor Complex are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆ **Send Kids to Summer Day**

Camp: Looking for a summer program for your children after school ends? Children ages 8 to 14 can be enrolled in KSC's Space Scholars Day Camp. Campers will meet an astronaut, build robots, launch rockets and tour restricted areas of KSC. June and July week-long camps are still open. The \$240 tuition includes all programs, meals, t-shirt and supplies for five days. All KSC and CCAFS employees receive a 10 percent discount. Call the Visitor Complex at 449-4444 to register.



◆ **Did You Know? – The family of sandhill cranes wandering the grounds near the VAB are in danger** of well-intentioned employees who are feeding the birds. The Fish and Wildlife Service cautions that interacting with the birds can cause them to become tame, and feeding them inappropriate food can cause physical harm. The chick may suffer as well, unable to learn the behavior needed to live in the wild. If the interaction continues, the birds may have to be removed, which the service does not want. The service reminds everyone that all wildlife on the refuge should be left alone.

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